



**DELAWARE'S
ONE - STOP SYSTEM
PARTNER CONVENING**

***“Game Changing for
Positive Impact:
Re-Thinking Engagement”***

Thursday, February 2nd, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00noon

*The greatest glory in living lies not
in never falling, but in rising every
time we fall.
- Nelson Mandela*

2-2-23 One-Stop Convening Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:15am** Join us during this time
- 9:15 – 9:25am** WIOA Welcome: Hope Ellsworth, One-Stop Operator
- 9:25 – 9:35am** **“Looking Forward: Workforce Development in 2023”**
Secretary Karryl Hubbard, Dept. of Labor
- 9:35 – 9:45am** Break (Then navigate to your breakout session of choice by 10am.)
- 10:00 - 12:00noon** **Breakout Sessions**
- Workshop 1: **“Out-of-the-Box Thoughts on Re-Engaging Job Seekers & Learners”**
- Workshop 2: **“Best Practices for Helping Job Seekers”**
- Workshop 3: **“Connecting Employers and Job Seekers to Fill Critical Living Wage Jobs”**
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Our Vision:

Work in alignment and coordination to provide Delaware’s workers with the skills, credentials, and support necessary to secure and advance in employment with family-sustaining wages and to provide local employers with the skilled workers the employers need to succeed in a global economy.

W.I.O.A. = Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act

- Federal Law that ensures employment and training services provided by the core programs are coordinated and complementary;
- promotes alignment of workforce development programs with regional economic development strategies;
- increases the quality and accessibility of services;
- helps job seekers acquire industry-recognized credentials for in-demand jobs; and
- prepares vulnerable job seekers for successful employment.

Workshop Sessions: 10am – noon CHOOSE ONE

1st Workshop Selection

Out-of-the-Box Thoughts on Re-engaging Job Seekers & Learners

- a) John Schmidt, Prevention Services Coordinator for Youth, DE Council on Gambling Problems
Long-term isolation has resulted in some people spending a lot of time & focus on screens (social media, games, texting, etc.), pulling them away from being out in their community and in-touch with moving forward with their life goals. John will discuss brain science and the psychological application of gambling mechanics in our phones and other digital devices that keep us immersed... and the impact of “too much” screen time as an addiction and its influence on re-engaging job seekers and learners.
- b) Corie Priest, DE Dept. of Justice/Community Engagement Unit;
Lexi Brinsfield, DE Dept. of Labor/Div. of Employment & Training; &
Cierra Hall-Hipkins, Network Connect
This 2nd half of the workshop will provide a panel presentation that discusses how to re-engage by connecting with people who receive services in non-traditional ways.
 - ✓ Getting out into Communities to share information about resources and supports – The panel will share their innovative program efforts that meet people out in the communities where they live and will share stories of successes with this new approach.
 - ✓ The panel will also discuss hybrid services and supports for those who are not able to make it into our offices for assistance.

2nd Workshop Selection:

Effective Tools to Help People Actively Looking for Meaningful Employment

This goal of this workshop is to share key job seeker tools and resources with new One-Stop System staff (or those wanting a refresher).

- Alta Porterfield, Statewide Social Innovator @ Delaware Libraries, will share current resources available (online and specialists who can assist virtually)
- Anthony Stanziale, Director of Reentry Vocational Services, DE Center for Justice, will discuss the Employment Services he provides at each Probation & Parole Office in order to share ways that staff can help someone, who is justice involved, to find meaningful employment.
- Sunshine Rider-Ivers, DE Dept. of Labor/Div. of Employment & Training will be sharing key resources under Delaware Joblink to help job seekers find a job that is right for them.

3rd Workshop Selection:

“Connecting Employers and Job Seekers to Fill Critical Living Wage Jobs”

Many employers continue to be challenged to find employees for critical, in-demand, living wage positions. This panel presentation of Human Resource Managers will provide updated guidance and suggestions to staff. Chip Riddleberger and Karlton Roberts (DOL/DET) will facilitate the discussion.

- Panelists include: Ann Hlabangana-Clay (DE Dept. of Education; Educator Excellence Workgroup);
Earl Cooper (Everyone Can Achieve Flagging & MOT Services);
Lisa Wheeler (SoDel Concepts);
Amanda Saitis (Bayada Home Health Care); and
Lisa Minus (Ken-Crest Services)